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In re Application of Dr. Norbert Diekhans ) Art Unit 3671  
Application No. 09/640,126 ) Examiner: Meredith C. Petravick  
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*Cleaning Regulation* ) Peoria, IL 61602-1241  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Office Action dated 16 July 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1, lines 3-5, and replace it with the following:


This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/00963 filed 13 February 1999 and which named the United States as a designated country. PCT Application PCT/EP99/00963 was published on 26 August 1999 as Publication No. WO 99/41967 and claims priority of German Application 198 07 145.0 filed on 20 February 1998.

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